

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on November 13, 2007. The Office Action is, in part, a restriction requirement. In this regard, restriction is required between four alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-2 and 16-17); Group II (Claims 3, 14-15 and 19); Group III (Claims 4-7); and Group IV (Claims 8-13). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II (Claims 3, 14-15 and 19).

In addition, Applicants were required to elect a species from Claim 2. However, Applicants respectfully submit that this species election is rendered moot in view of the fact that Group I, which includes Claim 2, has not been elected.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLP

BY 

Robert M. Barrett
Reg. No. 30,142
Customer No.: 29157

Dated: December 12, 2007